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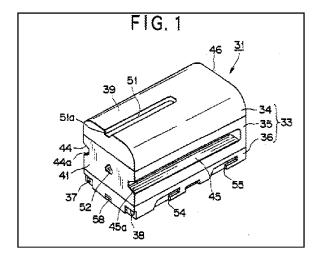
Claims 1-18, 20-27, 29, 30 and 34 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: None of the prior art of record, alone or in combination appears to teach, suggest, or render obvious the invention of at least claims 1, 8, 17 or 24.

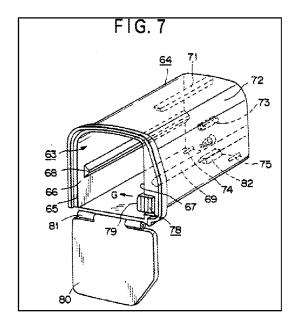
Claim 1 teaches a battery apparatus having a case having a width, a thickness and a length; a battery cell disposed at the inside of said case; and a battery-side terminal disposed at a surface of said case and connected to a chargeable battery section, said battery apparatus comprising: three or more engaging pieces at portions on both sides in a width direction of said case which extend in said length direction while projecting outwardly in said width direction, said three or more engaging pieces configured to engage engaging claws of a battery mounting section of an electronic device and position said case at a position in a thickness direction of said case at said battery mounting section, said three or more engaging pieces disposed at spaced intervals in a length direction; and a convex portion projecting in the length direction from an end surface of the case and extending in the width direction along the end surface of the case, the convex portion disposed at a distance in the thickness direction from the battery-side terminal, the convex portion being located on a same end surface of the case as the battery-side terminal and extending in the width direction of the case a distance greater than a distance that the battery- side terminal extends in the width direction of case, and the convex portion projecting in the length direction away from an Art Unit: 1795

outermost end surface of the case a distance greater than a distance any other portion of the battery apparatus extends in the length direction.

The closest prior art, US 5,626,979 (hereinafter "Mitsui"), teaches a battery apparatus (battery pack, 31) having a case (housing unit, 33) having a width, a thickness and a length; a battery cell (rechargeable cell, 1) disposed at the inside of said case; and a battery side terminal (electrode terminal, 37, 38) disposed at a surface of said case and connected to a chargeable battery section (battery loading section, 63; see fig. 7), said battery apparatus comprising: engaging pieces (engaging grooves, 54,55) at portions on both sides in a width direction of said case which extend in said length direction while projecting outwardly in said width direction, said engaging pieces configured to engage engaging claws (engagement pieces; see col. 10, lines 4-7) of a battery mounting section of an electronic device and position said case at a position in a thickness direction of said case at said battery mounting section, said engaging pieces disposed at spaced intervals in a length direction (see fig. 1).



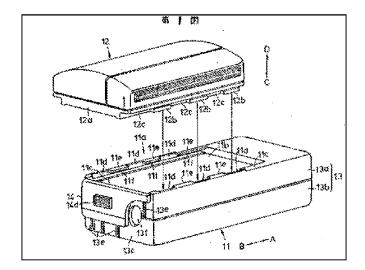
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Mitsui fails to teach **three or more** engaging pieces at portions on both sides in a width direction of said case. However, H1-155654 (hereinafter "Victor") teaches a battery pack mounting structure in which the bottom portion of a battery pack has a plurality of engagement protrusions (12b) protruding on either side (see pg. 6 of provided translation "Battery Pack Mounting Device"; see fig. 1). Therefore it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to use three engaging pieces instead of two.

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However, Mitsui in view of Victor fails to teach a convex portion projecting in the length direction from an end surface of the case and extending in the width direction along the end surface of the case, the convex portion disposed at a distance in the thickness direction from the battery-side terminal, and the convex portion being located on a same end surface of the case as the battery-side terminal and extending in the width direction of the case a distance greater than the battery-side terminal extends in the width direction of case, and the convex portion projecting in the length direction away from an outermost end surface of the case a distance greater than a distance any other portion of the battery apparatus extends in the length direction.

None of the other prior art pieces of record teach, suggest, or render obvious the battery apparatus as claimed in claim 1.

Regarding claim 8, Mitsui teaches an electronic device having a battery mounting section (battery loading section, 63; see fig. 7) on which a battery apparatus is attached, wherein: said battery apparatus includes a case having a width, a thickness and a length; a battery cell (rechargeable cell, 1) housed in the inside of said case; a bottom

surface (terminal mounting plate, 36; see fig. 5) positioned at one side in a direction of said thickness of said case; and a battery-side terminal (electrode terminal 37, 38) disposed at a surface of said case and electrically connected to said battery cell, engaging pieces (engaging grooves, 54, 55) extending in a direction of said length while projecting outwardly in a direction of said width are disposed at regular intervals in said length direction at portions on both sides in said width direction of the case.

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Mitsui fails to teach **three or more** engaging pieces at portions on both sides in a width direction of said case.

However, Victor teaches a battery pack mounting structure in which the bottom portion of a battery pack has a plurality of engagement protrusions (12b) protruding on either side (see pg. 6 of provided translation "Battery Pack Mounting Device"; see fig.

1). Therefore it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to use three engaging pieces instead of two.

However, Mitsui in view of Victor fails to teach a convex portion projecting in the length direction from an end surface of the case and extending in the width direction along the end surface of the case, the convex portion disposed at a distance in the thickness direction from the battery-side terminal, and the convex portion being located on a same end surface of the case as the battery-side terminal and extending in the width direction of the case a distance greater than the battery-side terminal extends in the width direction of case, and the convex portion projecting in the length direction away from an outermost end surface of the case a distance greater than a distance any other portion of the battery apparatus extends in the length direction.

None of the other prior art pieces of record teach, suggest, or render obvious the electronic device claimed in claim 8.

Regarding claim 17, as argued above for claim 1, Mitsui in view of Victor discloses a battery apparatus having a case having a width, a thickness and a length; a battery cell disposed at the inside of said case; and a battery-side terminal disposed at a surface of said case and connected to a chargeable battery section, said battery apparatus comprising: three or more engaging pieces at portions on both sides in a width direction of said case which extend in said length direction while projecting outwardly in said width direction, said three or more engaging pieces configured to engage claws of a battery mounting section and position said case at a position in a thickness direction of said case at said battery mounting section, said three or more engaging pieces disposed at spaced intervals in a length direction.

However, Mitsui in view of Victor fails to disclose wherein a cutout portion is formed in an end of a bottom portion of the case, the cutout portion configured to receive a locking device of the battery mounting section; and a convex portion projecting in the length direction from an end surface of the case and extending in the width direction along the end surface of the case, the convex portion disposed in a distance in the thickness direction from the battery-side terminal, the convex portion being located on a same end surface of the case as the battery-side terminal and extending in the width direction of the case a distance greater than a distance that the battery- side terminal extends in the width direction of case, and the convex portion projecting in the length direction away from an outermost end surface of the case a

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distance greater than a distance any other portion of the battery apparatus extends in the length direction.

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None of the other prior art pieces of record teach, suggest, or render obvious the battery apparatus claimed in claim 17.

Regarding claim 24, Mitsui in view Victor teaches a battery apparatus having a case having a width, a thickness and a length; a battery cell disposed at the inside of said case; and a battery-side terminal disposed at a surface of said case and connected to said chargeable battery section, said battery apparatus comprising: three or more engaging pieces at portions on both sides in a width direction of said case which extend in said length direction while projecting outwardly in said width direction, said three or more engaging pieces configured to engage claws of said battery mounting section and position said case at a position in a thickness direction of said case at said battery mounting section, said three or more engaging pieces disposed at spaced intervals in a length direction.

However, Mitsui in view of Victor fails to disclose wherein a bottom portion of the case includes a recess portion, the recess portion including a first convex portion; and a second convex portion projecting in the length direction from an end surface of the case and extending in the width direction along the end surface of the case, the second convex portion disposed in a distance in the thickness direction from the battery-side terminal, and the second convex portion being located on a same end surface of the case as the battery side terminal and extending in the width direction of the case a distance greater than the battery-side terminal extends in the width direction of case,

the second convex portion projecting in the length direction away from the end surface of the case a distance greater than a distance the battery-side terminal extends in the length direction away from the end surface of the case, the second convex portion projecting in the length direction away from an outermost end surface of the case a distance greater than a distance any other portion of the battery apparatus extends in the length direction.

None of the other prior art pieces of record teach, suggest, or render obvious the battery apparatus claimed in claim 24.

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